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SUBJECT: INTER-AMERICAN NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION

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1. DURING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION 13 SEPT, LT COL MARMADUQUE ABARZUA, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF THE CHILEAN NUCLEAR COMMISSION (CCEN) AND CHIEF OF THE NUCLEAR ELECTRIC PROJECT, TOLD EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER CCEN OFFICIALS HAD MET WITH INTER-AMERICAN NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION (IANEC) EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DR MARCELO ALONSO ON 12 SEPT TO DISCUSS CCEN'S FUTURE ROLE IN IANEC. ALONSO IS MAKING A SWING THROUGH LATIN AMERICA TO DETERMINE SUPPORT FOR IANEC BUDGET AND DEFINE AREAS IN WHICH VARIOUS IANEC MEMBERS WISH TO OBTAIN OR ARE WILLING TO LEND ASSISTANCE. ABARZUA SAW THE IANEC BUDGET AS VERY SMALL BUT SAID THAT CCEN WAS WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH IANEC TO EXTENT POSSIBLE.

2. ALONSO WAS TOLD THAT CCEN WILLING CONTRIBUTE IN FOLLOWING AREAS:

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A. PLANNING FOR NUCLEAR-ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS;

B. MINING AND INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY;

C. DEVELOPMENT OF A MANUAL FOR HANDLING RADIO ISOTOPES;

D. IRRADIATION OF FOOD;

3. MEDICAL APPLICATION OF RADIO ISOTOPES;

F. ACCEPTANCE OF TRAINEES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE
IN ALL ASPECTS OF CHILE'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM; AND

G. COOPERATION IN RESEARCH AIMED AT SURVEYING TOTAL ENERGY
RESOURCES, INCLUDING NUCLEAR, OF ALL OAS COUNTRIES FOR THE
PURPOSE OF BETTER PLANNING NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMS;

3. ABARZUA DID NOT IDENTIFY THE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH THE CCEN
DESIRES ASSISTANCE; HOWEVER, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE PAST HE
HAS SAID THAT THE CCEN WOULD LIKE TO SEND MORE TECHNICIANS TO THE
U.S. FOR TRAINING, ESPECIALLY ON-THE-JOB TRAINING IN NUCLEAR
ELECTRIC PLANTS, R&D PARTICIPATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
THROUGH VISITS OF U.S. EXPERTS TO CHILE AND VICE-VERSA.

4. CHILE WILL HOST THE NEXT IANEC MEETING WHICH IS TENTATIVELY
SLATED FOR JULY 1979. ABARZUA QUOTED ALONSO AS SAYING THAT HE
WAS OPPOSED TO FURTHER IANEC MEETINGS IF THE BUDGET WAS NOT
APPROVED.

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